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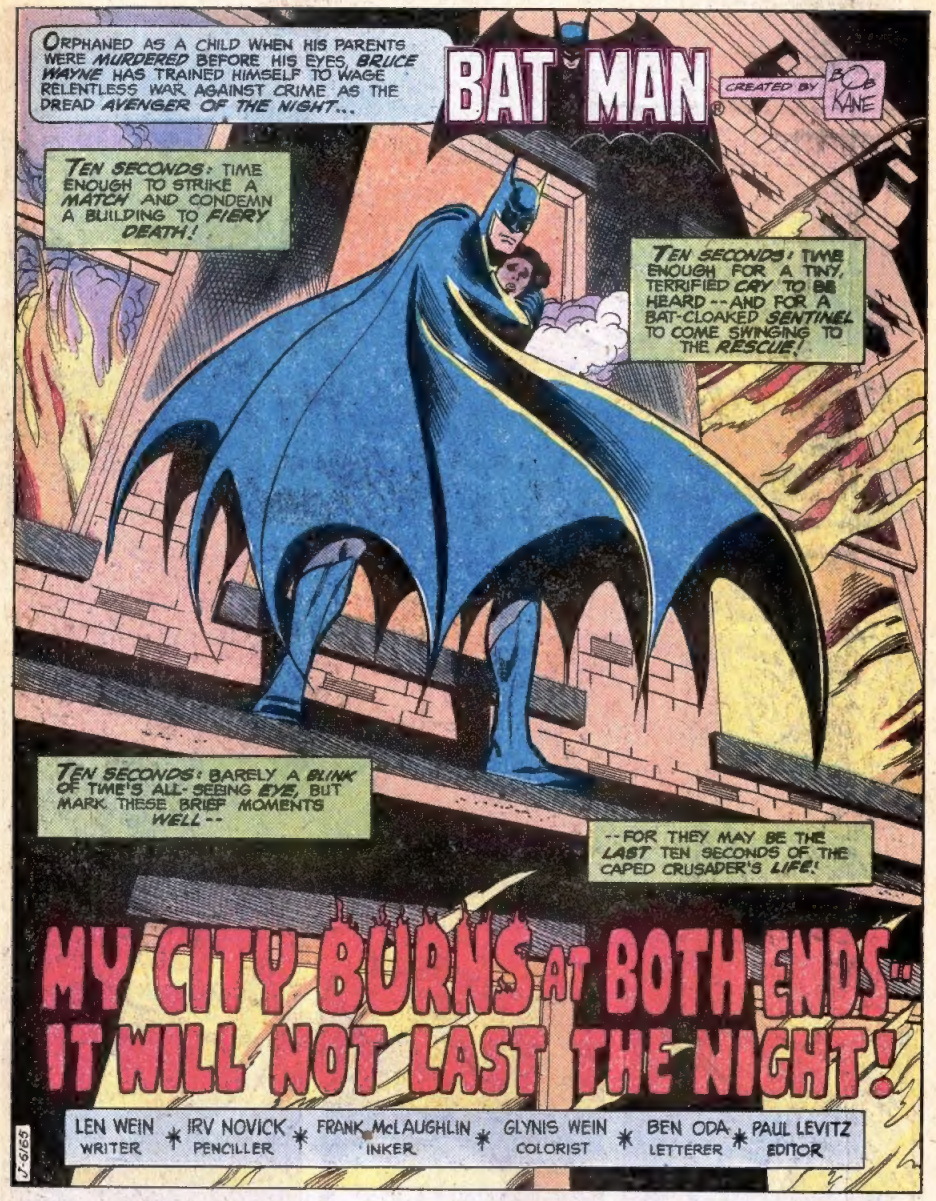
ORPHANED AS A CHILD WHEN HIS PARENTS WERE MURDERED BEFORE HIS EYES, BRUCE WAYNE HAS TRAINED HIMSELF TO WAGE RELENTLESS WAR AGAINST CRIME AS THE DREAD AVENGER OF THE NIGHT...
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TEN SECONDS: TIME ENOUGH FOR A TINY, TERRIFIED CRY TO BE HEARD--AND FOR A BAT-CLOAKED SENTINEL TO COME SWINGING TO THE RESCUE!
TEN SECONDS: BARELY A BLINK OF TIME'S ALL-SEEING EYE, BUT MARK THESE BRIEF MOMENTS WELL--
--FOR THEY MAY BE THE LAST TEN SECONDS OF THE CAPED CRUSADER'S LIFE!
MY CITY BURNS AT BOTH ENDS... IT WILL NOT LAST THE NIGHT!
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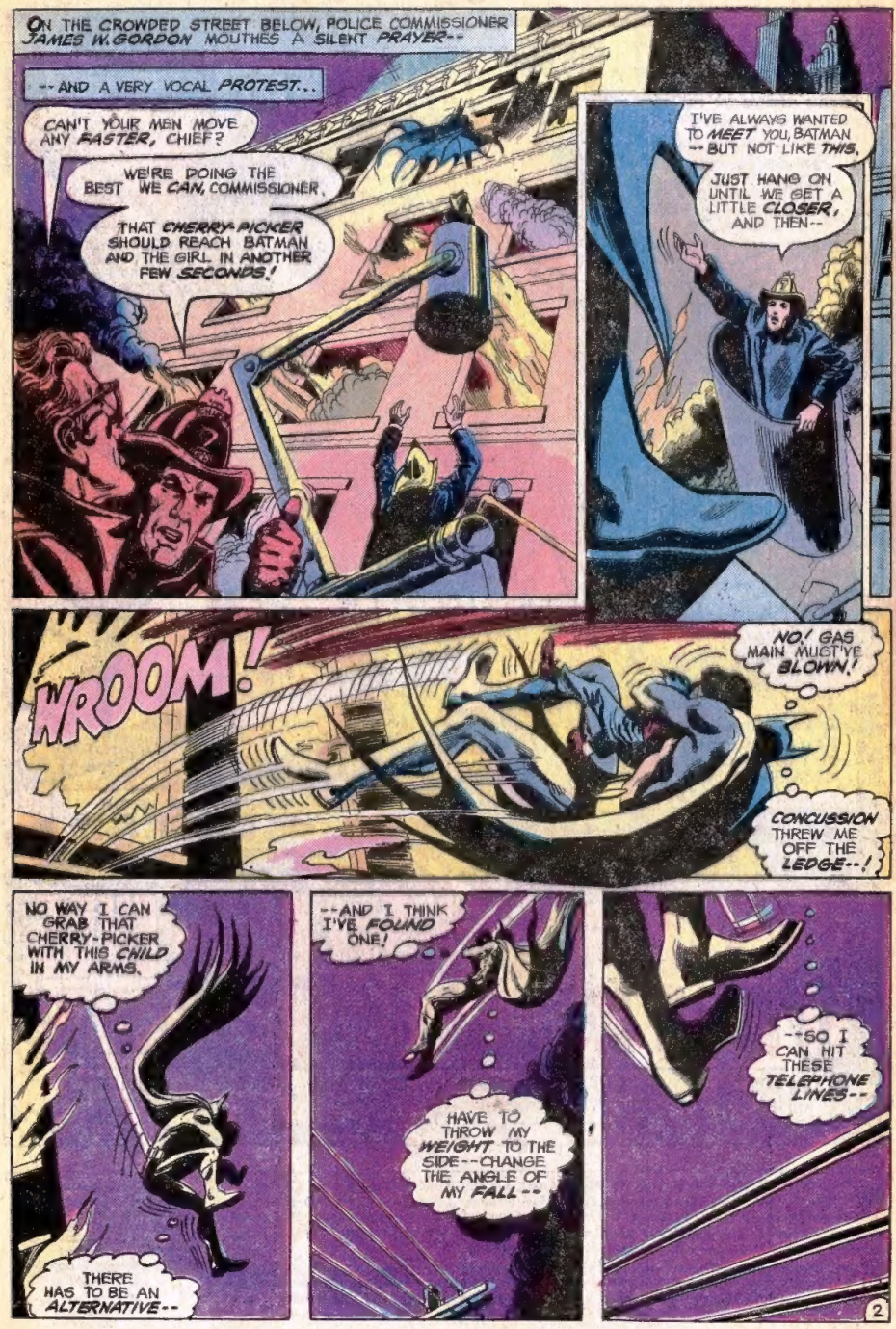
ON THE CROWDED STREET BELOW, POLICE COMMISSIONER JAMES W. GORDON MOUTHES A SILENT PRAYER--
--AND A VERY VOCAL PROTEST...
CAN'T YOUR MEN MOVE ANY FASTER, CHIEF?
WE'RE DOING THE BEST WE CAN, COMMISSIONER.
THAT CHERRY-PICKER SHOULD REACH BATMAN AND THE GIRL IN ANOTHER FEW SECONDS!
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO MEET YOU, BATMAN --BUT NOT LIKE THIS.
JUST HANG ON UNTIL WE GET A LITTLE CLOSER, AND THEN--
WROOM!
NO! GAS MAIN MUST'VE BLOWN!
CONCUSSION THREW ME OFF THE LEDGE--!
NO WAY I CAN GRAB THAT CHERRY-PICKER WITH THIS CHILD IN MY ARMS.
THERE HAS TO BE AN ALTERNATIVE--
--AND I THINK I'VE FOUND ONE!
HAVE TO THROW MY WEIGHT TO THE SIDE--CHANGE THE ANGLE OF MY FALL--
--SO I CAN HIT THESE TELEPHONE LINES--
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--AND USE THEM AS A MAKESHIFT TRAMPOLINE--
BWOING!

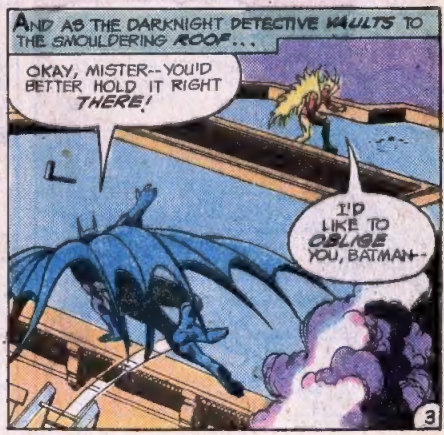
--TO BOUNCE US ONTO THIS PILE OF FIRE HOSES! IT'S NOT MUCH--
UUNNHH!!
--BUT IT'S ENOUGH TO BREAK OUR FALL WITHOUT BREAKING OUR NECKS!
WHUMP!

I WAS ALMOST AFRAID WE'D LOST YOU, BATMAN! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
BRUISED--BUT STILL FUNCTIONAL, COMMISSIONER.
ARE YOU OKAY, HONEY?
UH-HUH.

STILL, THE PARAMEDICS SHOULD EXAMINE HER, CHIEF, BEFORE--
--EH?
LOOK--ON THE ROOF!
WHO THE DEVIL IS THAT?

I DON'T KNOW, FRIEND --BUT YOU CAN BET I'M ABOUT TO FIND OUT!
BATMAN--WAIT! WE HAVE TO--
OH--WHAT'S THE USE?

HE'S DUCKED BACK OUT OF SIGHT!
GOT TO MOVE FAST IF I'M GOING TO NAIL HIM!


AND AS THE DARKNIGHT DETECTIVE VAULTS TO THE SMOULDERING ROOF...
OKAY, MISTER--YOU'D BETTER HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!
I'D LIKE TO OBLIGE YOU, BATMAN--

--BUT THERE IS STILL MORE WORK FOR--THE FIREBUG!
WHAT--?!?
NAPALM FROM HIS FINGERTIPS--CUTTING ME OFF--?!?
I REALLY DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU, BATMAN!
IN FACT, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR SAVING THE LITTLE GIRL!
THAT DAMNED BUILDING HAS ALREADY DONE ENOUGH KILLING--
--AND NOW IT HAS BEEN KILLED IN RETURN!
GOOD-BYE, BATMAN--AND GOOD LUCK!
FLAMES ARE TOO THICK--I CAN'T GET THROUGH--!
MY UTILITY BELT IS MY ONLY CHANCE--!
THIS CAPSULE OF CONCENTRATED FIRE-EXTINGUISHING FOAM SHOULD CLEAR ME A PATH THROUGH THE FLAMES, AND THEN--
WHUMP!
HE'S GONE!
AND BY NOW, THERE ARE A MILLION DIFFERENT ROCKS IN THIS CITY HE COULD HAVE CRAWLED UNDER!
BUT THAT INCENDIARY INSECT AND I WILL MEET AGAIN!
AND SINCE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS FINALLY GOTTEN THE BLAZING BUILDING UNDER CONTROL, IT'S TIME FOR ME TO TAKE MY LEAVE!
RIGHT NOW, BRUCE WAYNE HAS A VERY IMPORTANT APPOINTMENT TO KEEP!
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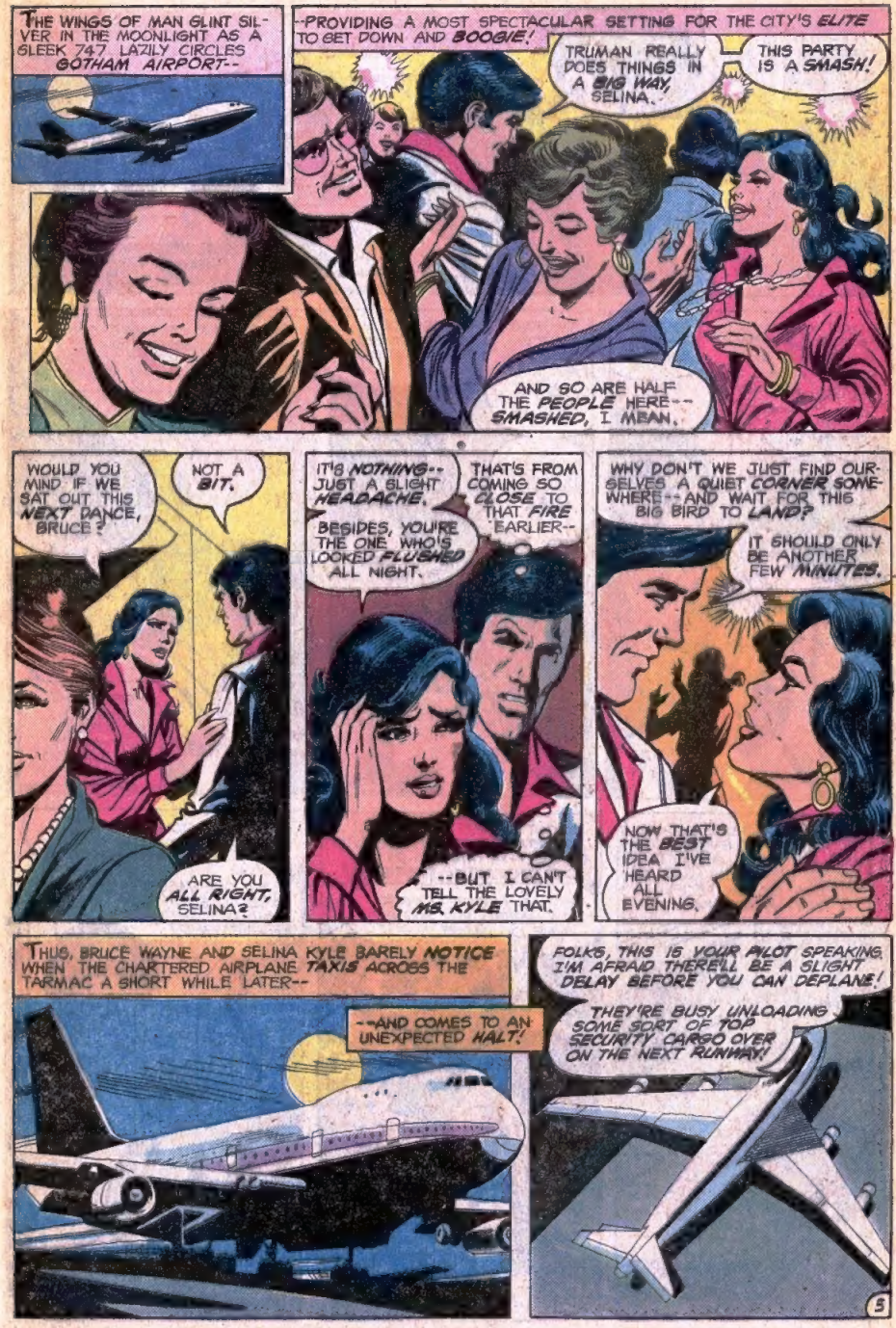
THE WINGS OF MAN GLINT SILVER IN THE MOONLIGHT AS A SLEEK 747 LAZILY CIRCLES GOTHAM AIRPORT--
--PROVIDING A MOST SPECTACULAR SETTING FOR THE CITY'S ELITE TO GET DOWN AND BOOGIE!
TRUMAN REALLY DOES THINGS IN A BIG WAY, SELINA.
THIS PARTY IS A SMASH!
AND SO ARE HALF THE PEOPLE HERE--SMASHED, I MEAN.
WOULD YOU MIND IF WE SAT OUT THIS NEXT DANCE, BRUCE?
NOT A BIT.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, SELINA?
IT'S NOTHING--JUST A SLIGHT HEADACHE.
BESIDES, YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S LOOKED FLUSHED ALL NIGHT.
THAT'S FROM COMING SO CLOSE TO THAT FIRE EARLIER--
--BUT I CAN'T TELL THE LOVELY MS. KYLE THAT.
WHY DON'T WE JUST FIND OURSELVES A QUIET CORNER SOMEWHERE--AND WAIT FOR THIS BIG BIRD TO LAND?
IT SHOULD ONLY BE ANOTHER FEW MINUTES.
NOW THAT'S THE BEST IDEA I'VE HEARD ALL EVENING.
THUS, BRUCE WAYNE AND SELINA KYLE BARELY NOTICE WHEN THE CHARTERED AIRPLANE TAXIS ACROSS THE TARMAC A SHORT WHILE LATER--
--AND COMES TO AN UNEXPECTED HALT!
FOLKS, THIS IS YOUR PILOT SPEAKING. I'M AFRAID THERE'LL BE A SLIGHT DELAY BEFORE YOU CAN DEPLANE!
THEY'RE BUSY UNLOADING SOME SORT OF TOP SECURITY CARGO OVER ON THE NEXT RUNWAY!
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IT LOOKS LIKE THAT COLLECTION OF EGYPTIAN CAT-GOD ARTIFACTS THEY DISCOVERED RECENTLY.
I READ IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE DELIVERED TO RIVERSIDE MUSEUM SOME TIME TONIGHT.
THOSE PIECES MUST BE BEAUTIFUL-- NOT TO MENTION PRICELESS.
ONCE, THEY WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SAFE FOR A SECOND WITH ME AROUND--

--BUT MY DAYS AS THE CATWOMAN ARE FINALLY OVER, AND NOW THAT EXHIBIT IS ONLY--
SELINA, WHAT'S WRONG?
UUNNHH!!
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE OKAY?

I'M FINE, BRUCE-- SO LONG AS I HAVE YOU AROUND.
THAT'S SOMETHING YOU NEEDN'T WORRY ABOUT, LADY.
I WOULDN'T WANT TO LOSE YOU.

BUT IF BRUCE WAYNE COULD SEE THE LONGING GAZE SELINA KYLE CASTS TOWARDS THE UNLOADING CAT EXHIBIT--
--HE MIGHT BEGIN TO WONDER HOW MUCH HE HAS TO WORRY ABOUT.

HALFWAY ACROSS GOTHAM, IN A QUIET NEIGHBORHOOD NOT QUITE YET GONE TO SEED, THE HARSH WAIL OF SIRENS BRINGS PEOPLE TO THEIR WINDOWS--
WHREEEEEEEE

--MOST DRAWN BY IDLE CURIOSITY, BUT ONE--JOEY RIGGER--ATTRACTED BY A MOST UNHEALTHY EMPATHY...
THERE'S ANOTHER FIRE SOMEWHERE, BUT IT'S NOT ONE OF MINE...
WHREEEEEEEE
....NOT THIS TIME.

JUST ONE MORE--THAT'S ALL IT'LL TAKE--AND IT WILL FINALLY BE FINISHED!
JUST ONE MORE FIRE TO SET, FOLKS-- AND YOU'LL FINALLY BE AVENGED!
A

THEY KILLED YOU FIRST, BABY SISTER--
--LETTING THE WALLS OF OUR OLD APARTMENT PEEL SO YOU COULD NIBBLE ON THE PAINT!
CHILD DIES OF PAINT POISONING
THE FOLKS JUST WEREN'T THE SAME AFTER THAT. THEY MOVED TO A DIFFERENT BUILDING--
--BUT THAT STILL DIDN'T SAVE POP FROM BREAKING HIS NECK!
GOTHAM GAZETTE
MAN KILLED IN FREAK ACCIDENT
BUT YOU, MA--YOUR DEATH WAS THE MOST UNFAIR!
THEY MIGHT'VE SAVED YOU AFTER THAT HEART ATTACK--IF YOU HADN'T BEEN TRAPPED AT THE TIME!
GOTHAM GAZETTE
WOMAN DIES IN STALLED ELEVATOR
ONE BY ONE, THOSE EVIL BUILDINGS MURDERED YOU, THE ONLY PEOPLE I'VE EVER LOVED--
--BUT I SWEAR TO YOU THEY'LL NEVER KILL ANYONE ELSE!
I WAS IN THE SERVICE WHEN THE THREE OF YOU DIED WITHIN WEEKS OF ONE ANOTHER. THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD DO FOR YOU THEN--
--BUT I PRAY I'M MAKING UP FOR THAT NOW!
I OWE THE ARMY ONE THING--IT GAVE ME A SKILL I DIDN'T HAVE BEFORE!
IT MADE ME A DEMOLITIONS EXPERT--A MASTER IN THE ART OF INCENDIARY EXPLOSIVES--
--AND ENABLED ME TO EQUIP THIS INSULATED COSTUME WITH HIDDEN TANKS OF A CONCENTRATED NAPALM DERIVATIVE!

YEAH, THE ARMY MADE ME A FIREBUG--
--AND I'M PUTTING WHAT THEY TAUGHT ME TO GOOD USE!
JUST ONE MORE BUILDING TO BURN, THE TOUGHEST ONE OF ALL--
--AND THEN WE'LL ALL BE FREE!
WHILE, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS, WHERE THE MIDNIGHT OIL STILL BURNS IN THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER GORDON...
POLICE HEADQUARTERS
ANY NEW LEADS ON THE FIREBUG CASE, COMMISSIONER?
WHO--?!?
OH-- IT'S YOU.
WE HAVEN'T GOT A THING, BATMAN-- BUT YOU COULD'VE CALLED TO LEARN THAT.
WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?
SOMETHING HAS BEEN BOTHERING ME--
--SOMETHING THE FIREBUG SAID TONIGHT.
--THAT DAMNED BUILDING HAS ALREADY DONE ENOUGH KILLING...
I'D LIKE YOU TO CHECK THE COMPUTERS-- FIND OUT IF ANYONE DIED IN EITHER OF THOSE TORCHED BUILDINGS IN THE PAST FEW YEARS!
THE WHEELS OF PROGRESS SPIN SWIFTLY, AND MINUTES LATER...
THE ONLY NAME IN COMMON ON THE LISTS IS RIGGER-- A FATHER AND DAUGHTER, APPARENTLY.
BUT WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
IT MEANS WE'D BETTER FIND OUT IF THEY LEFT ANY SURVIVORS -- AND FAST!

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THAT UFO IS IN TROUBLE! THEY'RE HEADING STRAIGHT FOR THAT MOUNTAIN... AT THE SPEED OF LIGHT.
MEANWHILE... ON THE MOUNTAIN..
LOOK--IT'S SUPERMAN.
AND A UFO.
IF I STOP THEM, THEY'LL BE CRUSHED BY THE SUDDEN CHANGE IN GRAVITY... SO I'LL GIVE THEM TIME TO SLOW DOWN.
LOOK!!! SUPERMAN IS MAKING A TUNNEL THROUGH THE MOUNTAIN FOR THE UFO.
LET'S GO SEE...
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WE ARE!!!
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YOU'LL LIKE THE LIGHT, GOLDEN SPONGE CAKE...
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WE DO!!!
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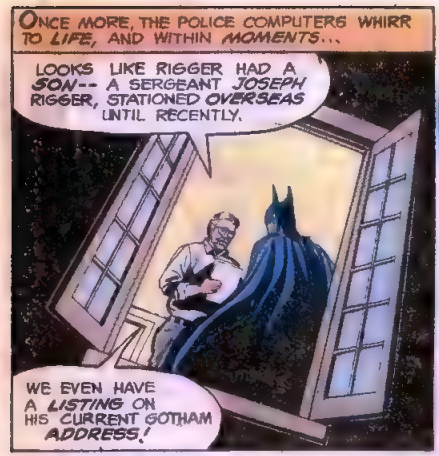
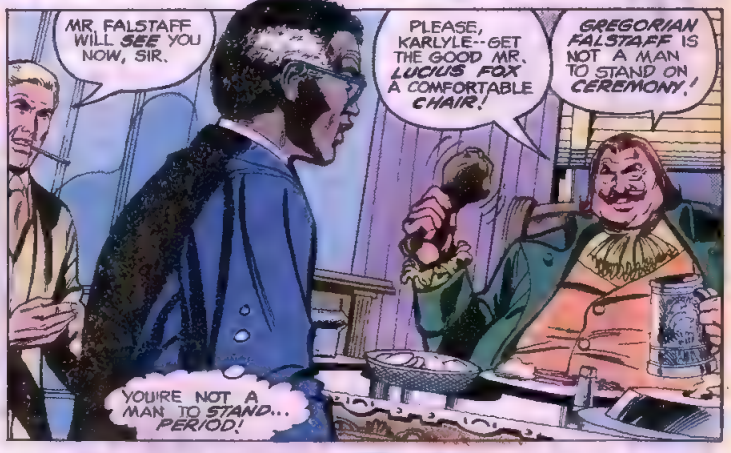
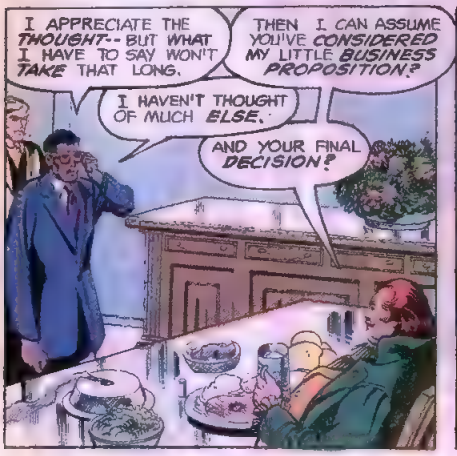
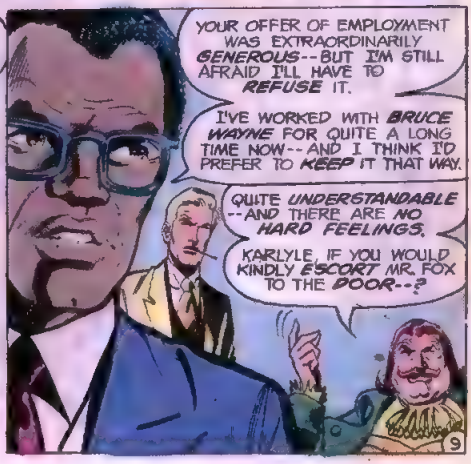

ONCE MORE, THE POLICE COMPUTERS WHIRR TO LIFE, AND WITHIN MOMENTS...
LOOKS LIKE RIGGER HAD A SON-- A SERGEANT JOSEPH RIGGER, STATIONED OVERSEAS UNTIL RECENTLY.
WE EVEN HAVE A LISTING ON HIS CURRENT GOTHAM ADDRESS!

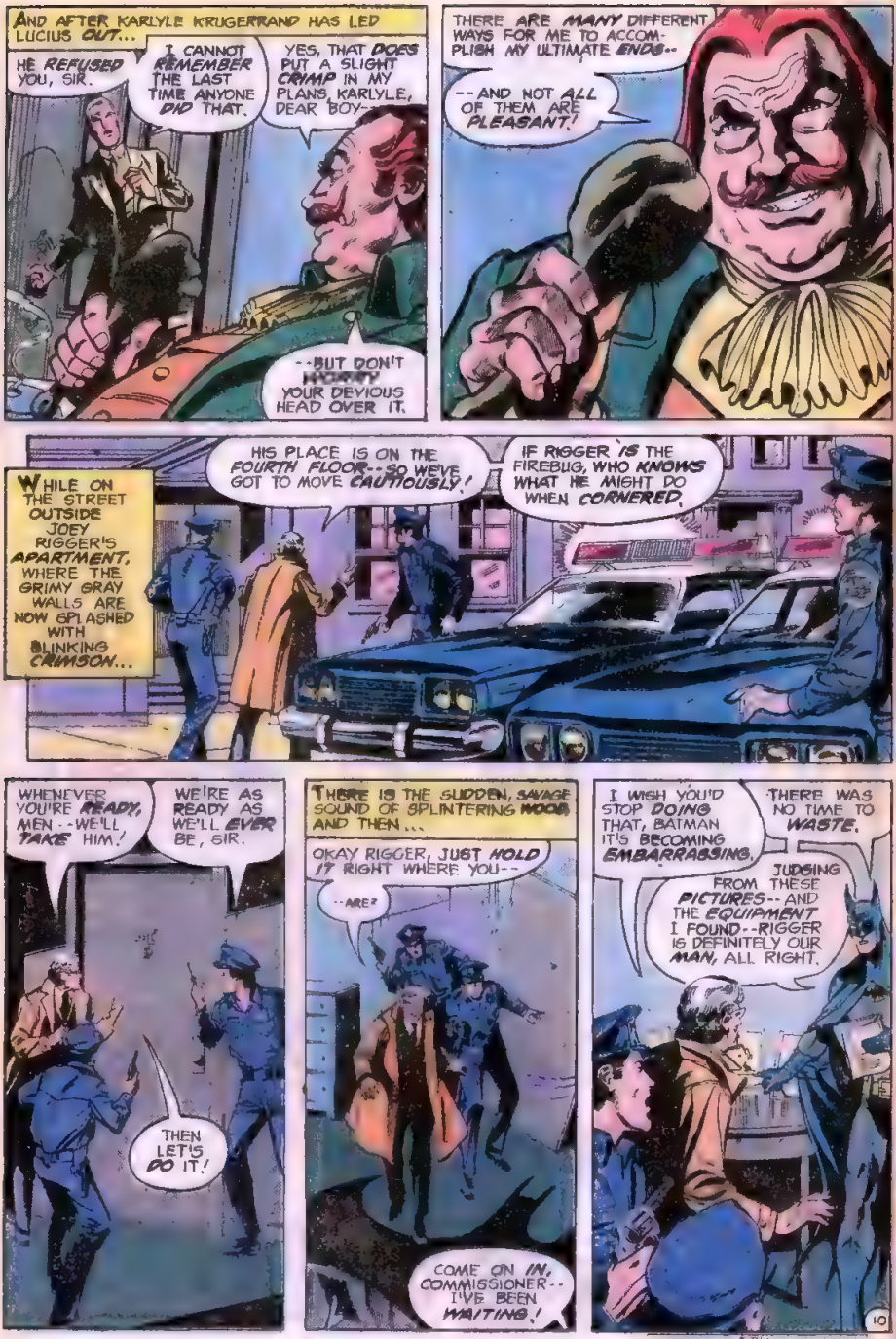
THEN I SUGGEST YOU SEND SOMEONE TO TALK TO THIS JOSEPH RIGGER--
--BEFORE THE FIREBUG STRIKES AGAIN!

WHILE, ACROSS TOWN, IN THE PENT-HOUSE OF THE AMBASSADOR MOTEL, OVERLOOKING GOTHAM PARK...


MR. FALSTAFF WILL SEE YOU NOW, SIR.
PLEASE, KARLYLE--GET THE GOOD MR. LUCIUS FOX A COMFORTABLE CHAIR!
GREGORIAN FALSTAFF IS NOT A MAN TO STAND ON CEREMONY!
YOU'RE NOT A MAN TO STAND... PERIOD!


I APPRECIATE THE THOUGHT-- BUT WHAT I HAVE TO SAY WON'T TAKE THAT LONG.
THEN I CAN ASSUME YOU'VE CONSIDERED MY LITTLE BUSINESS PROPOSITION?
I HAVEN'T THOUGHT OF MUCH ELSE.
AND YOUR FINAL DECISION?


YOUR OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT WAS EXTRAORDINARILY GENEROUS--BUT I'M STILL AFRAID I'LL HAVE TO REFUSE IT.
I'VE WORKED WITH BRUCE WAYNE FOR QUITE A LONG TIME NOW--AND I THINK I'D PREFER TO KEEP IT THAT WAY.
QUITE UNDERSTANDABLE --AND THERE ARE NO HARD FEELINGS.
KARLYLE, IF YOU WOULD KINDLY ESCORT MR. FOX TO THE DOOR--?


AND AFTER KARLYLE KRUGERRAND HAS LED LUCIUS OUT...
HE REFUSED YOU, SIR.
I CANNOT REMEMBER THE LAST TIME ANYONE DID THAT.
YES, THAT DOES PUT A SLIGHT CRIMP IN MY PLANS, KARLYLE, DEAR BOY--
--BUT DON'T WORRY! YOUR DEVIOUS HEAD OVER IT.
THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT WAYS FOR ME TO ACCOMPLISH MY ULTIMATE ENDS--
--AND NOT ALL OF THEM ARE PLEASANT!
WHILE ON THE STREET OUTSIDE JOEY RIGGER'S APARTMENT, WHERE THE GRIMY GRAY WALLS ARE NOW SPLASHED WITH BLINKING CRIMSON...
HIS PLACE IS ON THE FOURTH FLOOR--SO WE'VE GOT TO MOVE CAUTIOUSLY!
IF RIGGER IS THE FIREBUG, WHO KNOWS WHAT HE MIGHT DO WHEN CORNERED.
WHENEVER YOU'RE READY, MEN--WE'LL TAKE HIM!
WE'RE AS READY AS WE'LL EVER BE, SIR.
THEN LET'S DO IT!
THERE IS THE SUDDEN, SAVAGE SOUND OF SPLINTERING WOOD AND THEN...
OKAY RIGGER, JUST HOLD IT RIGHT WHERE YOU--
--ARE?
COME ON IN, COMMISSIONER--I'VE BEEN WAITING!
I WISH YOU'D STOP DOING THAT, BATMAN IT'S BECOMING EMBARRASSING.
THERE WAS NO TIME TO WASTE.
JUDGING FROM THESE PICTURES--AND THE EQUIPMENT I FOUND--RIGGER IS DEFINITELY OUR MAN, ALL RIGHT.
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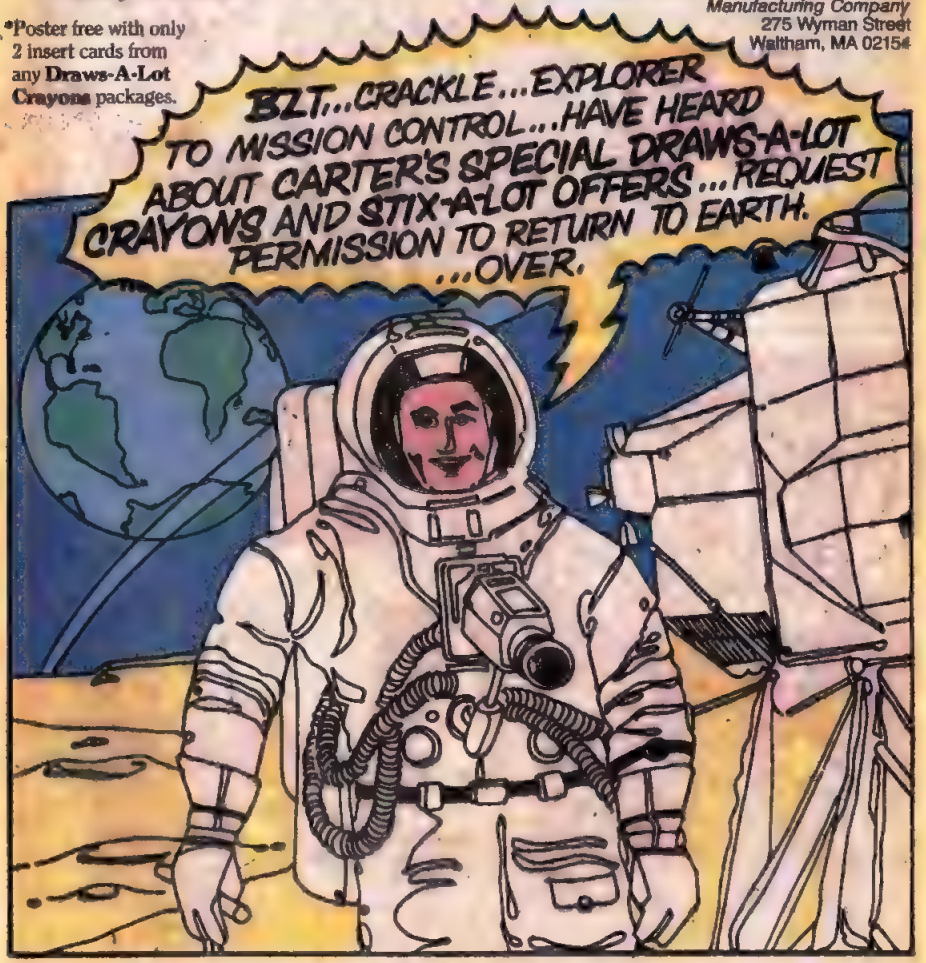
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MIGHTY MOUSE
HECKLE AND JECKLE
HECKLE AND JECKLE GET THEIR KICKS! THEY'RE WACKY, WILD AND UP TO
MIGHTY MOUSE SAVES THE DAY ZAPPING FOES WHO STAND IN HIS WAY!
9:00
The Bugs Bunny Road Runner Show
BEEP BEEP
THAT "WIDDLE GWAY WABBIT" IS HAVING A BALL, WITH DAFFY, TWEETY AND LAUGHTER FOR ALL! THEN SPEEDY ROAD RUNNER ZOOMS FASTER THAN LIGHT, COYOTE CANT CATCH HIM, TRY AS HE MIGHT!
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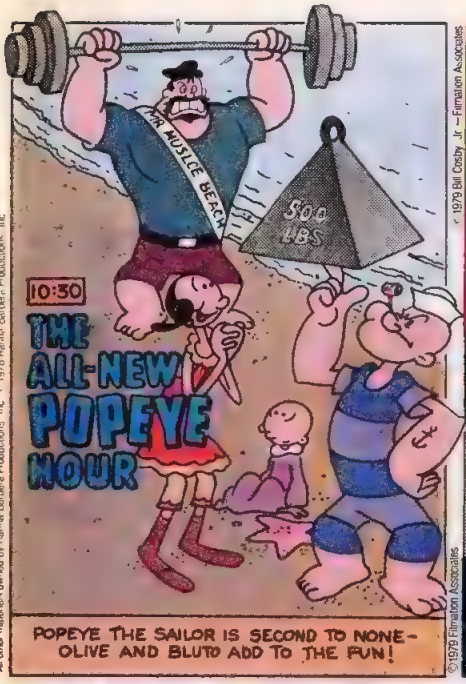

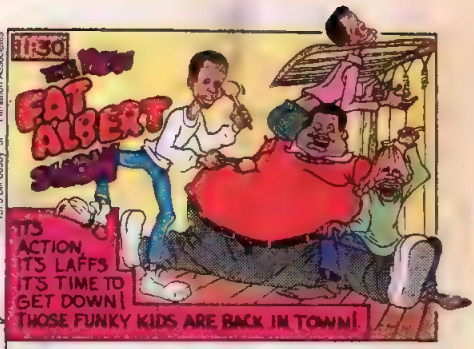
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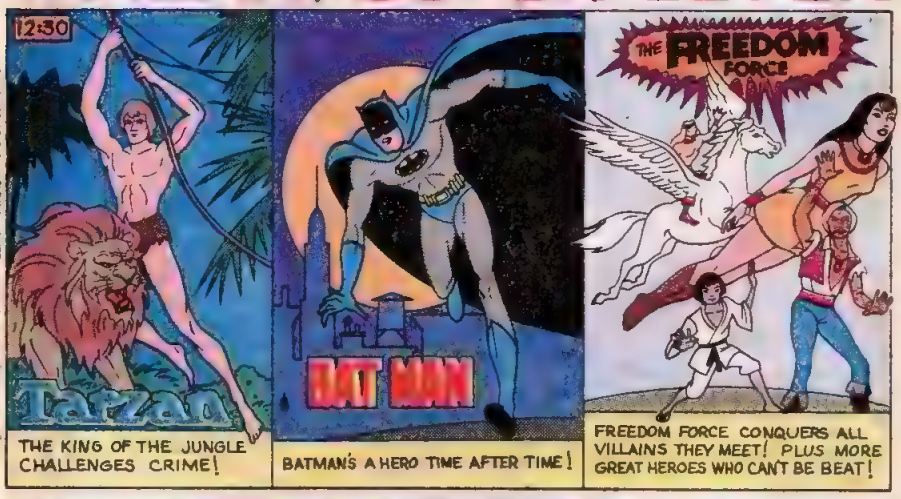
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--BUT I'VE GOT THE FRIGHTENING FEELING I KNOW WHAT HIS NEXT TARGET IS GOING TO BE!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
BATMAN--WAIT!
BATMAN--COME BACK!!
THIS MAGAZINE HE DROPPED! WHAT COULD HE HAVE SEEN IN HERE TO--
SWEET LORD.
COME ON, MEN--LET'S MOVE IT!
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--EVEN AS A FIERY-CLAD FIGURE PROWLS THE SHELTERING SHADOWS IN THE BUILDING'S BOWELS!
WHEN THIS INCENDIARY DEVICE BLOWS, THE OPEN AIR SHAFT WILL PULL THE FLAMES UP THROUGH THE ENTIRE BUILDING!
ONCE THIS TIMER IS SET, I'LL MAKE MY USUAL ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL TO THE POLICE--
--SO THEY CAN EVACUATE THE BUILDING BEFORE IT BURNS!

I DON'T WANT ANYONE ACCIDENTALLY HURT BY--
WHAT?!?
THOSE ARE FIRE ENGINES! SOMEHOW, THEY MUST'VE BEEN WARNED!
WHEEEEEEEEEEEEEE!
I'VE GOT TO SET OFF THE FIRE-BOMB BY HAND--BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!
I'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU, BUG--
HUH--?!?
--IT'S ALREADY TOO LATE!
A BOY SCOUT COULDN'T MAKE THAT BOMB BURN--WITHOUT THIS TIMER!
DON'T START GLOATING YET, BATMAN!
I'VE SWORN TO DESTROY THIS BUILDING--AND YOU'RE NOT GOING TO STOP ME!
YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME, RIGGER!
WHOOSH!
THE FIRST TIME WE MET, YOU CAUGHT ME BY SURPRISE--
--BUT THIS TIME, I WAS PREPARED FOR YOU!
HE'S MOVING THROUGH MY FLAMES UNHARMED--BUT HOW?!?
HOW ELSE? I'M WEARING AN INSULATED FIREPROOF COSTUME!
SHAK!
I'M NOT BEATEN YET, BATMAN--
--NOT BY A LONG SHOT!
NOW WHY DON'T YOU JUST SURRENDER BEFORE--EH?

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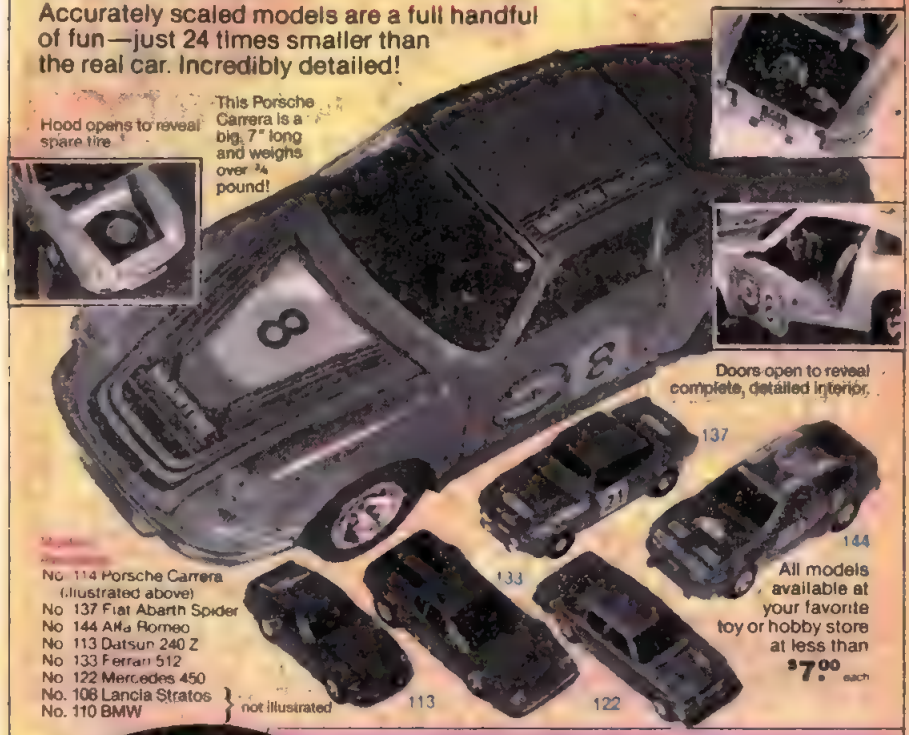

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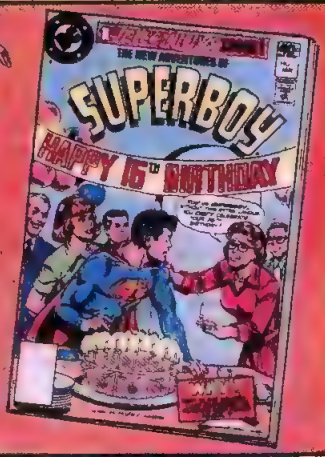

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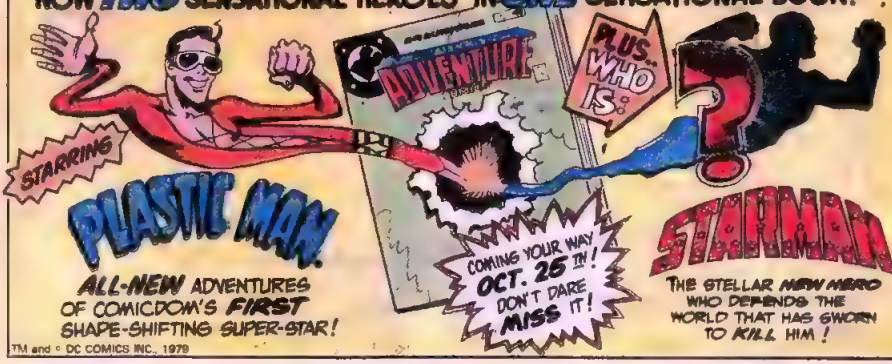

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THAT FIREBOLT BROUGHT A WHOLE SECTION OF THE CEILING CRASHING DOWN --
--CUTTING ME OFF FROM RIGGER--!
KRAAHSH!
HAVE TO USE AN EXPLOSIVE FROM MY UTILITY BELT--
--TRY TO BLAST MYSELF A PATH THROUGH THE RUBBLE--!
BLAAM!
RIGGER'S GONE AGAIN-- WHICH COMES AS NO SURPRISE!
BETTER HEAD BACK UP TO THE LOBBY-- AND CHECK IN WITH THE COMMISSIONER!
THUS MOMENTS LATER...
BATMAN, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? WE HEARD AN EXPLOSION--!
NO PROBLEM-- IT WAS ONE OF MINE!
RIGGER GOT AWAY FROM ME AGAIN! I ASSUME HE HEADED THIS WAY!
WELL, WE HAVEN'T SEEN HIM, BATMAN-- AND WE'VE GOT THIS LOBBY SEALED TIGHT!
THEN IF HE DIDN'T COME PAST YOU, COMMISSIONER--
--THERE'S ONLY ONE OTHER PLACE HE COULD HAVE GONE!
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A STAB OF A BUTTON, AND THE EXPRESS ELEVATOR HUMS SWIFTLY UP TOWARDS THE SKYSCRAPER'S 86TH FLOOR--
--WHERE A FURIOUS FIREBUG LIES WAITING!
THE FOOLS! WHY WON'T THEY LEAVE ME ALONE?
I DIDN'T WANT TO HURT ANYONE! I WAS JUST TRYING TO SAVE THEM FROM THESE KILLER BUILDINGS!
ZAK
BUT NOW THEY'LL SEE FOR THEMSELVES JUST HOW DEADLY THIS PLACE CAN BE!
DRASTICALLY WEAKENED BY THE SEARING FLAMES, THE THICK ELEVATOR CABLES GROAN PATHETICALLY--
--THEN PART--
SNAP
--SENDING THE HAPLESS CONVEYANCE SCREAMING DOWN TO ITS DESTRUCTION!
WHY WOULDN'T THEY LISTEN TO ME?
I NEVER WANTED TO HURT ANYONE!
DON'T WORRY, BUG--YOU STILL HAVEN'T!
BATMAN?!?
I KNOW YOU DID!
BUT I THOUGHT--!
I FIGURED YOU'D BE EXPECTING COMPANY--
--SO I SENT THE ELEVATOR UP EMPTY, TO KEEP YOU DISTRACTED WHILE I CAME UP THE STAIRS!
UUNNFF!!
WHOK!
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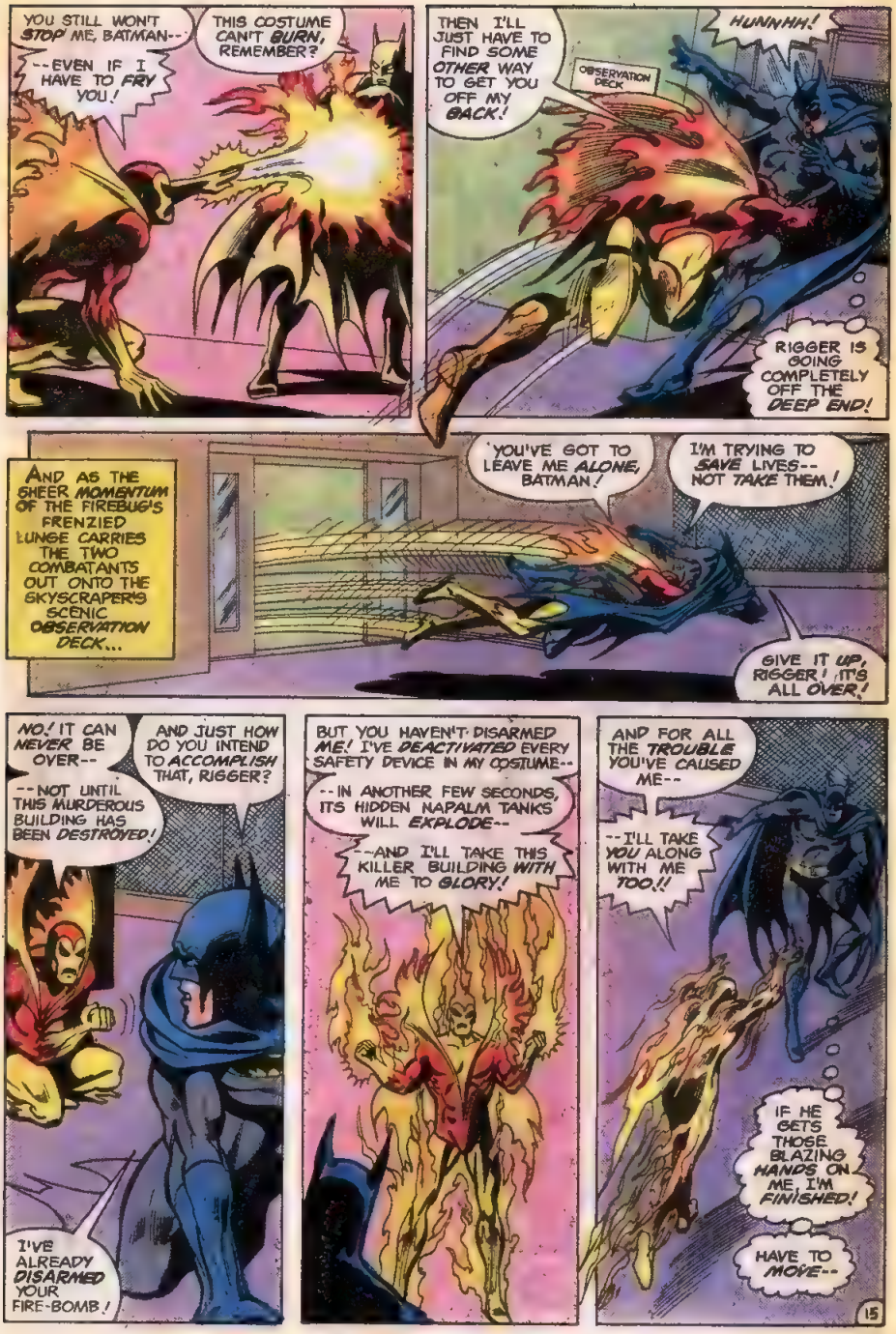
YOU STILL WON'T STOP ME, BATMAN--
--EVEN IF I HAVE TO FRY YOU!
THIS COSTUME CAN'T BURN, REMEMBER?
THEN I'LL JUST HAVE TO FIND SOME OTHER WAY TO GET YOU OFF MY BACK!
OBSERVATION DECK
HUNNHH!
RIGGER IS GOING COMPLETELY OFF THE DEEP END!
AND AS THE SHEER MOMENTUM OF THE FIREBUG'S FRENZIED LUNGE CARRIES THE TWO COMBATANTS OUT ONTO THE SKYSCRAPER'S SCENIC OBSERVATION DECK...
YOU'VE GOT TO LEAVE ME ALONE, BATMAN!
I'M TRYING TO SAVE LIVES-- NOT TAKE THEM!
GIVE IT UP, RIGGER! IT'S ALL OVER!
NO! IT CAN NEVER BE OVER--
--NOT UNTIL THIS MURDEROUS BUILDING HAS BEEN DESTROYED!
AND JUST HOW DO YOU INTEND TO ACCOMPLISH THAT, RIGGER?
I'VE ALREADY DISARMED YOUR FIRE-BOMB!
BUT YOU HAVEN'T DISARMED ME! I'VE DEACTIVATED EVERY SAFETY DEVICE IN MY COSTUME--
--IN ANOTHER FEW SECONDS, ITS HIDDEN NAPALM TANKS WILL EXPLODE--
--AND I'LL TAKE THIS KILLER BUILDING WITH ME TO GLORY!
AND FOR ALL THE TROUBLE YOU'VE CAUSED ME--
--I'LL TAKE YOU ALONG WITH ME TOO!!
IF HE GETS THOSE BLAZING HANDS ON ME, I'M FINISHED!
HAVE TO MOVE--
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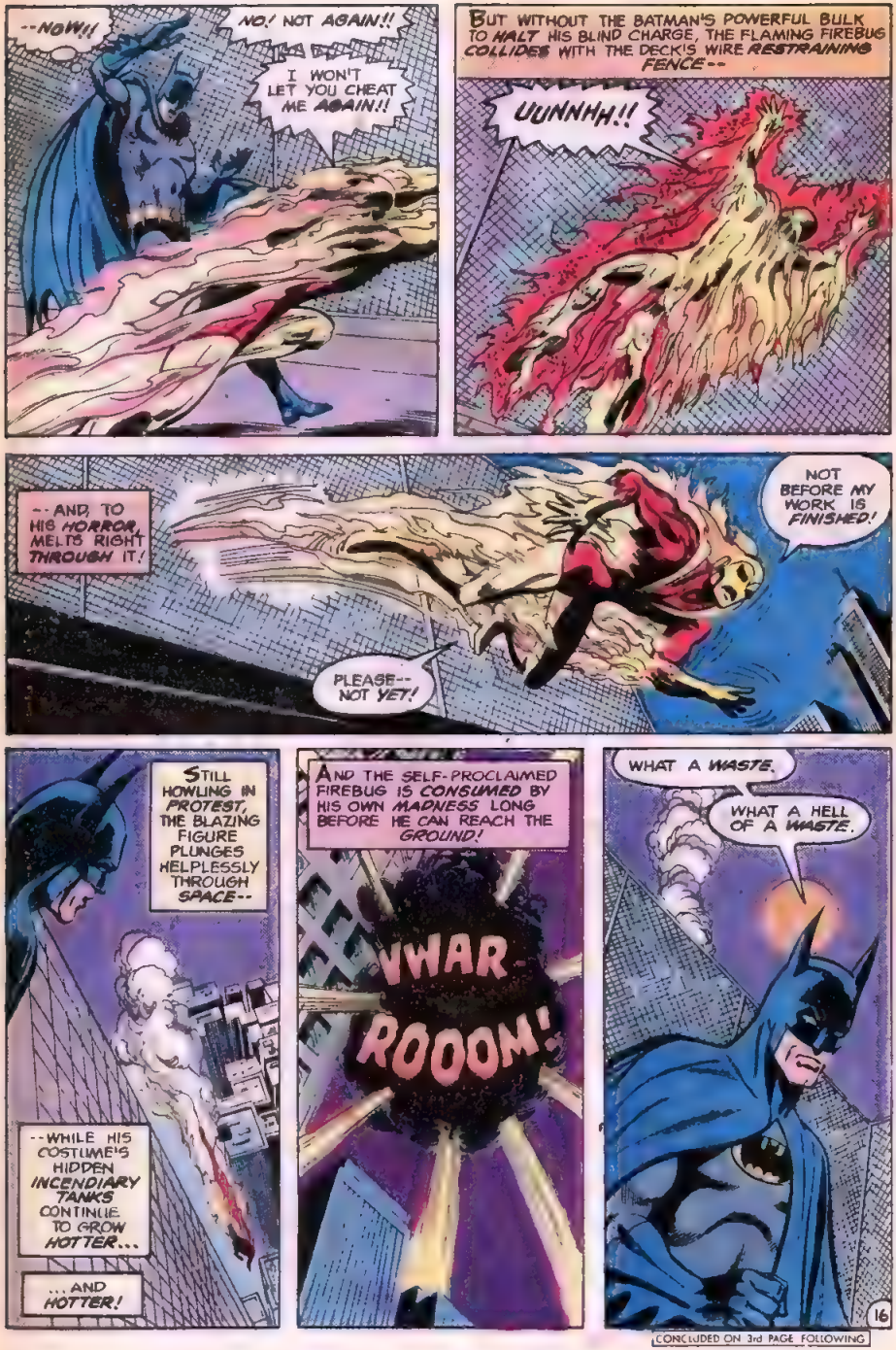
--NOW!!
NO! NOT AGAIN!!
I WON'T LET YOU CHEAT ME AGAIN!!
BUT WITHOUT THE BATMAN'S POWERFUL BULK TO HALT HIS BLIND CHARGE, THE FLAMING FIREBUG COLLIDES WITH THE DECK'S WIRE RESTRAINING FENCE--
UUNNHH!!
--AND, TO HIS HORROR, MELTS RIGHT THROUGH IT!
NOT BEFORE MY WORK IS FINISHED!
PLEASE-- NOT YET!
STILL HOWLING IN PROTEST, THE BLAZING FIGURE PLUNGES HELPLESSLY THROUGH SPACE--
--WHILE HIS COSTUME'S HIDDEN INCENDIARY TANKS CONTINUE TO GROW HOTTER...
...AND HOTTER!
AND THE SELF-PROCLAIMED FIREBUG IS CONSUMED BY HIS OWN MADNESS LONG BEFORE HE CAN REACH THE GROUND!
VWAR-
ROOOM!
WHAT A WASTE.
WHAT A HELL OF A WASTE.
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- ☐ Strengthen your back thighs and calves!

I'm a professional body builder. I won the Mr. U.S.A. competition in 1977, and the Mr. International contest in 1978. I'll probably win Mr. Universe this year. I'm also in the exercise and health consulting business in New York City.

So I'm familiar with exercise and body building programs. I've probably tried every single one of them. And do you know something? Not one of them is worth the money you have to pay!

The reason is simple. Every so-called exercise machine, every weight-lifting set ever made works on one of two principles: isometrics (putting stress on muscles that do not move) or isotonics (moving muscles under stress).

So, when you pay good money for a machine or a set of fancy equipment you're buying a gimmick. You can accomplish *exactly the same exercise value* and get exactly the same results without the machine. IF YOU KNOW HOW! What's more, since machines and weights put a tremendous amount of stress on weak underdeveloped muscles, they can actually *cause more harm than good*.

THE SIMPLE LOCKER ROOM SECRET THAT REALLY WORKS, IN JUST 90 SECONDS

In my years as an athlete and as an "iron pumper," I've seen hundreds of men get ready for strenuous competition. Each had his own personal mannerisms. Each had favorite warm-up exercises. But over the years, I noticed a simple, common thread that was common to all.

I actually discovered the simple locker room secret that the pros use to build up their bodies in just 90 seconds!

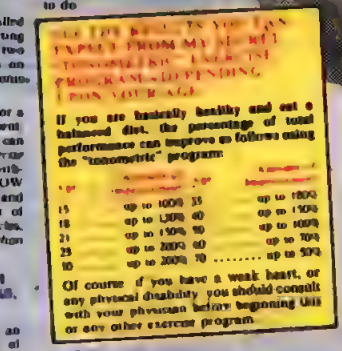
That's right, using my secret you can exercise *all 18 muscle groups* in your body in just 90 seconds. Eighteen simple exercises every day, just five seconds on each. And within two weeks or less, you'll begin to notice the difference.

You'll FEEL stronger! You'll LOOK healthier, your body will be FAR MORE ATTRACTIVE! I'm not talking about tiny differences you can measure with a tape. I'm talking about *great changes*. you'll begin to feel yourself, you'll notice in the mirror, your friends will notice on the beach!

WHAT IS MY AMAZING SECRET?

Frankly, it'll cost you $5.00 to find out. After all, a secret as good as this one is worth more than will make your body stronger, healthier, better looking is worth $5.00? But I'll give you a hint. It's a combination of the principles of *both* isometrics and isotonics. I call it "Tonometrics." And it requires no special equipment, no fancy gym. You can use my "tonometrics" techniques and special "tonometric" exercises in your bedroom, bathroom, even in your office during your coffee break!

There are 18 special exercises in all, one for each of the 18 major muscle groups in your body. And each exercise takes just 5 seconds to do.


If you are basically healthy and eat a balanced diet, the percentage of total performance can improve as follows using the "tonometric" program:
up to 100%
up to 150%
up to 100%
up to 70%
up to 50%
Of course if you have a weak heart, or any physical disability you should consult with your physician before beginning this or any other exercise program.

ABSOLUTELY NO RISK TO YOU!

When you send me your $5.00 I'll send you a booklet explaining the "tonometric" concept and outlining an exercise program using my 18 basic exercises designed to *trim down fat and flab, and build up weak underdeveloped muscles*. BUT I WON'T CASH YOUR CHECK FOR 30 DAYS!

That way you'll have plenty of time to try my amazing "tonometric" program, and decide for yourself if it's everything I say or not. IF YOU'RE NOT ABSOLUTELY THRILLED, SIMPLY RETURN THE MATERIAL AND I'LL SEND BACK YOUR CHECK!

What could be fairer than that? Since you've got nothing to lose, and only a beautiful, strong, firm body to gain, why not send me the coupon, and the check for $5.00, today?

MEET JOE NAZARIO, CREATOR OF THE "TONOMETRIC" SYSTEM

Joe is 29 years old. He presently is in the health food business, and conducts seminars on health, nutrition and exercise.

Joe has served as a consultant to industry, and gives private body building instruction. In 1977, Joe won the Mr. U.S.A. Physique Championship, and in 1978 he was named Mr. International.

Height 5'10½"
Chest 52"
Arms 19"
Calves 17"
Weight 215
Waist 34"
Thighs 28"
Neck 18"

Joe Nazario, Dept. RS-3917 4/80
535 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10017.

Dear Joe:
I want to learn the secret professional musclemen use to build up their bodies in just 90 seconds a day. Please rush me your complete program of 18 exercises. I am enclosing my check or money-order for $5.00—which I understand you'll return to me uncashed in 30 days if I am dissatisfied in any way. (New York residents please add sales tax.)

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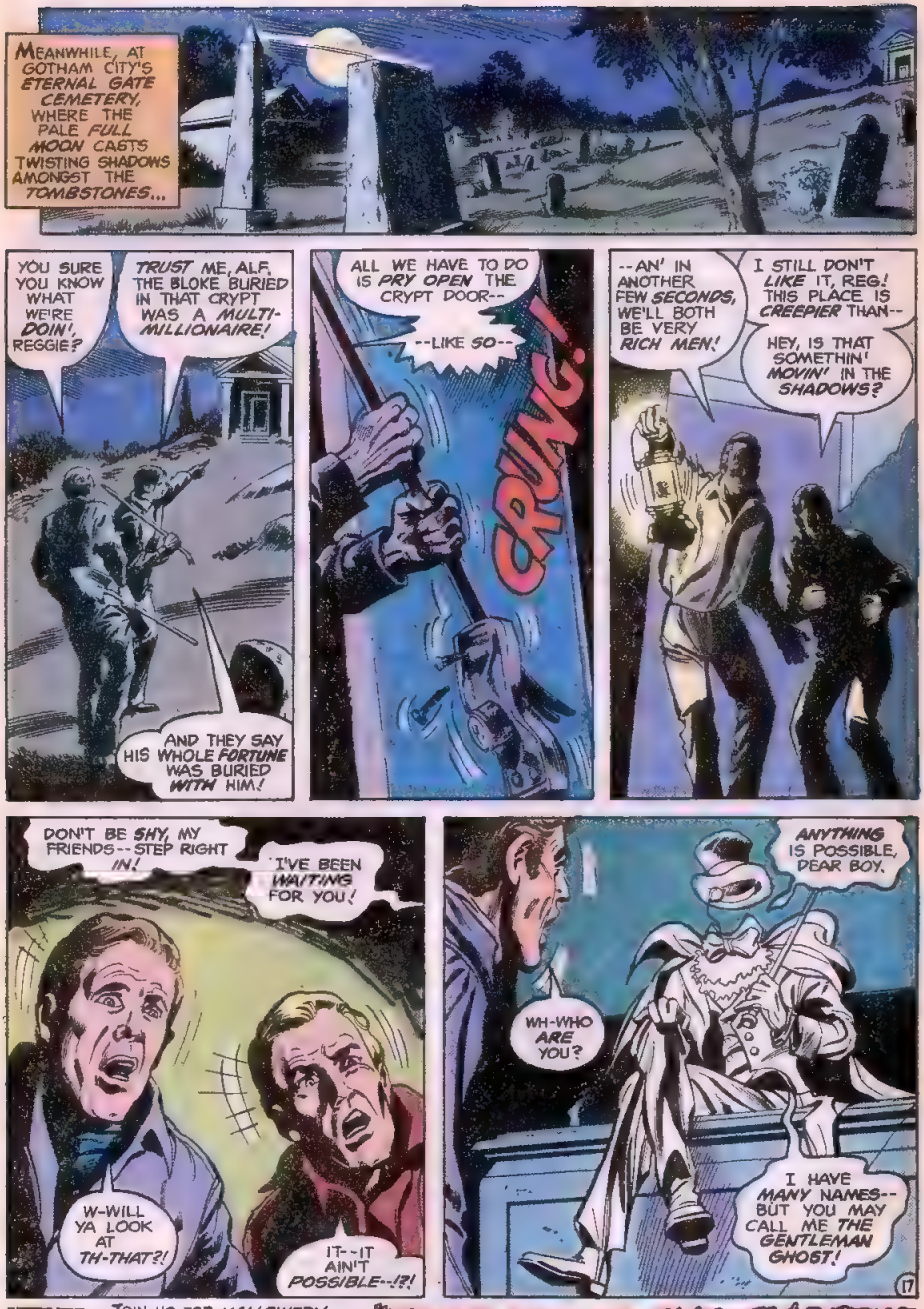
MEANWHILE, AT GOTHAM CITY'S ETERNAL GATE CEMETERY, WHERE THE PALE FULL MOON CASTS TWISTING SHADOWS AMONGST THE TOMBSTONES...
YOU SURE YOU KNOW WHAT WE'RE DOIN', REGGIE?
TRUST ME, ALF. THE BLOKE BURIED IN THAT CRYPT WAS A MULTI-MILLIONAIRE!
AND THEY SAY HIS WHOLE FORTUNE WAS BURIED WITH HIM!
ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS PRY OPEN THE CRYPT DOOR--
--LIKE SO--
CRUNG!
--AN' IN ANOTHER FEW SECONDS, WE'LL BOTH BE VERY RICH MEN!
I STILL DON'T LIKE IT, REG! THIS PLACE IS CREEPIER THAN--
HEY, IS THAT SOMETHIN' MOVIN' IN THE SHADOWS?
DON'T BE SHY, MY FRIENDS--STEP RIGHT IN!
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU!
W-WILL YA LOOK AT TH-THAT?!
IT--IT AIN'T POSSIBLE--!?!
ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE, DEAR BOY.
WH-WHO ARE YOU?
I HAVE MANY NAMES--BUT YOU MAY CALL ME THE GENTLEMAN GHOST!
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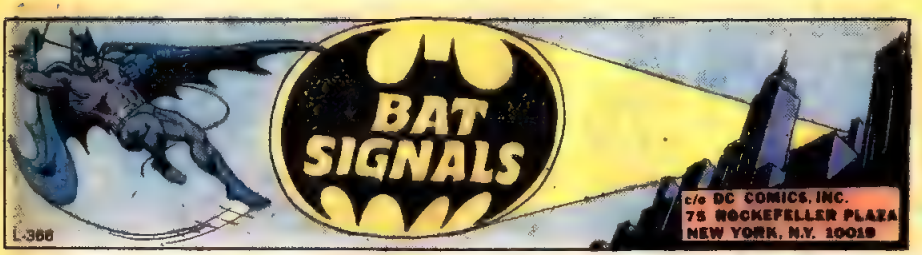
NEXT ISSUE: JOIN US FOR *HALLOWEEN WONDERMENT* NEITHER GOTHAM CITY NOR *THE BATMAN* WILL SOON FORGET! BE HERE FOR... "NEVER GIVE UP THE GHOST!"

ON SALE OCTOBER 11TH!



Dear Editor,

I've often noticed the paradox that seems to accompany several of comics' oldest characters. The longer a character has been around, the more he gains a comfortable familiarity with the readers. However, longevity presents a problem: how can the writer manage to produce any new insights into such an old character? While he did not tread on any new ground, Len Wein partially solved this paradox in #313 by driving home some of *Two-Face*'s strongest points.

Two-Face's Modus Operandi, and specifically his use of the two-headed coin, was brought into a realistic light as we witnessed the cold-blooded murder of Specs, the hapless would-be informer. Just as important was *Batman*'s lecture to King Faraday explaining that Harvey Dent's insanity was the primary factor here. To shoot Dent would be as cold-blooded as drowning an innocent puppy. This confrontation with Dent also served to contrast the two crimefighters' styles and to show how much easier it is to rely on (and abuse) firearms than it is not to.

Len Wein has brought something worth mentioning to *BATMAN*: superb subplots that are adding some needed dimension to Bruce Wayne's life. Lucius Fox looked to be just another peripheral character until this issue when we got a glimpse into his not so tranquil private life. While this old father-son conflict seemed a little contrived, it was still spicy enough to spark my curiousity. All this had to pale in comparison to the excitement generated by the increasingly romantic Bruce-Selina relationship. I don't think I've ever seen Selina Kyle so fully characterized or put into such a human light. Even though she has reformed (or has she?) she still retains the forbidden allure of the *Catwoman*, so it comes as no surprise that Bruce Wayne should begin to see her in a romantic light. What Len managed to do here was give Selina a surface quality of mature humility and a sincere desire to seek a new life, all tempered with a mysterious undercurrent of something else we are not yet privy to. I get the feeling Selina is not really reformed and that's too bad. I'd much rather see someone else take up the role as the new *Catwoman* and let something genuinely serious develop between Bruce and Selina.

Tony Edwards
454 N. Formosa Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90036

Rest assured that there are still some twists and turns ahead in the primrose path that Bruce and Selina are walking, but they're not what you seem to be expecting. In fact, since we're still working out the finer points and adding details, they're not even what we seem to be expecting!—PL

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Dear Paul,

Re: *BATMAN* #313. King Farraday first appeared in *DANGER TRAIL* #1, July-August, 1950. His adventures were later reprinted in *SHOWCASE* #50, May-June, 1964.

Paul Balze
115 Crest Avenue
Glen Burnie, MD 21061

Correct—thereby winning you the trivia-hound designation of the month. Actually, a couple of readers did remember King from DANGER TRAIL (including Tony Edwards, our first correspondent on the page), but Paul supplied the most complete details. DANGER TRAIL, for those of you who want to become trivia-hounds, was a short-lived (5 issues) magazine that was way ahead of its time and is now a cult classic. It featured several espionage/adventure series in the style that would later make James Bond a household number.—PL.

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Dear Len,

In *BATMAN* #313 a character is shown who went by the name of Specs. Is this supposed to be the same Specs that appeared in the blockbuster first issue of the "Bat-murderer" series? I hope so!

If this is the same character, do you think you could bring back some more of your smaller supporting characters from your past stories?

Chris Khalaf
5126 Georgi Lane
Houston, TX 77092

Curiously this reached our desk only a few days after Len mentioned a story idea for tying together the various thugs who seem to make their living working for our various super-villains. We'll see...—PL.

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Dear Editor,

After several valiant attempts by Denny O'Neil to fully capture the multifaceted character of *Two-Face*, the team of Wein and Levitz took yet another step in their "resurrection conspiracy" of venerable old *Batman* foes by returning *Two-Face* to us in the grandiose manner that his origin promised in *DETECTIVE* #66.

BATMAN #313 presented Harvey Dent's mania for the number two very effectively by the theft of the binary code, the two-day telethon, and the reference to the silly, though obvious, address of his hideout. But none of these pluses came close to matching that beautiful cover depicting *Two-Face* all decked out in his bizarre split-suit, busily contemplating new crimes amidst the atmosphere of his garishly decorated apartment.

Jeffrey Lowndes
808 Sunset Street
Scranton, PA 18509

We tend to agree that the cover was one of the all-time BATMAN classics, although opinion in the office favored the cover of the (appropriately enough) second part of the tale. Frankly, we think we've been privileged to have some of the finest BATMAN covers in recent years on this magazine during our short editorial tenure, including this issue's masterpiece. Cover fans should get ready for a real treat, though: we're working on a couple of stories in the good old fashioned cover-first method, with covers already supplied by Jose Kubert. The results should be on sale early next year.—PL

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NEXT MONTH: The Gentleman Ghost's waiting in the wings for a return match, and he's got a special surprise waiting with him. After much too long an absence, we proudly announce the return of death traps to this magazine, beginning with one that even we don't know how Batman will escape! Be here!—Paul Levitz.

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GREEN LANTERN SOLOS!

GREEN ARROW TO CONTINUE IN WORLD'S FINEST

(DC, New York)—For the first time since #75, *Green Lantern* will have his magazine all to himself as *GREEN LANTERN* #123 goes on sale the week of September 24th.

In this epic adventure, *GL* goes on a "Mission of No Return" into the Phantom Zone, that eerie dimension where criminals of Krypton have been imprisoned. At stake is the life of Guy Gardner, Hal (*Green Lantern*) Jordan's back-up, who has been trapped in the Zone and is at the mercy of General Zod, Jax-Ur and the rest of the evil Kryptonians.

Can *Green Lantern* succeed, even with the threats of *Sinestro* and the *Weaponers of Qward* waiting in the wings? Denny O'Neil, Joe Staton and Dick Giordano provide the cosmic answers.

DIRECT CURRENTS

ON SALE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24th

BRAVE & BOLD #187—*Kamandi* becomes a hit-man for the mob and attacks *Batman* in this time-twisted thriller, "Time...My Dark Destiny" by Bob Haney and Jim Aparo.

SGT. ROCK #335—Can Easy survive the hazards of a "Killer Compass"? Read this Bob Kanigher/Frank Redondo thriller for the answers. Plus: Bill Kelley scripts "The Switch!"

SUPERBOY & THE LEGION #258—*Saturn Girl* disintegrates into dust as part of "The Mind-Attack of the Psycho-Warrior" by Gerry Conway, Joe Staton and Dave Hunt.

TIME WARP #2—J.M. DeMatteis and Gil Kane tell the tale of "The Saviors"; Paul Levitz and Steve Ditko take "The Last Journey"; George Kashdan and Mike Nasser meet "I, the Creature"; Wyatt Gwyon and Howard Chaykin "Return from the Stars"; Bob Rozakis, Romeo Tanghal and John Celardo provide an "Energy Source"; Jack C. Harris and Joe Orlando redefine "Metal"; Kashdan and Don Newton make a "Cultural Exchange"; and DeMatteis and Jerry Grandenetti chase the "Scavengers".

AND ON SALE RIGHT NOW:

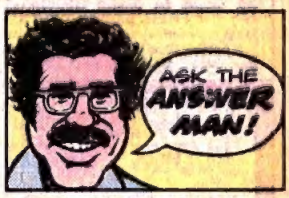
BATMAN #318 / *DC COMICS PRESENTS* #16 / *DETECTIVE COMICS* #487 / *FLASH* #280 / *GHOSTS* #83 / *G.I. COMBAT* #217 / JONAH HEX #31 / *JUSTICE LEAGUE* #173 / *MEN OF WAR* #23 / *SECRETS OF HAUNTED HOUSE* #19 / *SUPERMAN* #342 / *WEIRD WAR TALES* #82 / *WONDER WOMAN* #262

SPACEMEN STEAL ATLANTIS

(Atlantis) The *Wondertwins*, Zan and Jayna, have joined the *Super Friends* for their first visit to the undersea kingdom of Atlantis. They are anxious to see this underwater world and *Aquaman*, as their guide, is pleased to show it off.

But the King of the Sea may not have the chance as the entire undersea city is plucked from the seabed and pulled upward into space by "The Spacemen Who Stole Atlantis!"

What is the secret of this city-napping? And can the combined powers of the *Super Friends* save *Mera*, *Aqualad* and the rest of the Atlanteans? You'll find the answers in the story by E. Nelson Bridwell, Ramona Fradon and Bob Smith when *SUPER FRIENDS* #27 goes on sale the week of September 24th.



Q: What happened to the *Air Wave* story that was supposed to appear in *ACTION* #490?—Thomas Bartow. *A*: It was crowded out by the format change and currently resides in our inventory, waiting for a spot to fill.

Q: What is the Phantom Zone?—Ian Skavin. *A*: An interdimensional zone where Kryptonian criminals were exiled. They can see events in the real world, but cannot affect them.

Q: Where is the *Martian Manhunter*?—Sean Carick. *A*: At last report, he was on Mars II, the world his people settled on.

Q: How about a *SGT. ROCK* Tabloid edition?—Adam Flanagan. *A*: There are no tabloids in the works currently, but we hope you didn't miss the *SGT. ROCK'S PRIZE BATTLE TALES DIGEST COMIC* which went on sale in July!

Q: Did *DEMAND CLASSICS* #1 ever appear?—Bryan Corper. *A*: No.

Q: What was the last issue of *BATMAN FAMILY*?—Rick Panas. *A*: #20.

Q: When did *Amazo* first appear?—James Swetnam. *A*: In *BRAVE & BOLD* #30.

Q: How much is *WORLD'S FINEST* #15 worth?—Rob Rogers. *A*: $20 in good condition.

Q: Why didn't *Superman*, *Batman* and *Wonder Woman* appear in *SHOWCASE* #100?—Kelly Gleason. *A*: The issue starred all the characters who got their solo debuts in *SHOWCASE*. Those three heroes were around long before *SHOWCASE* #1

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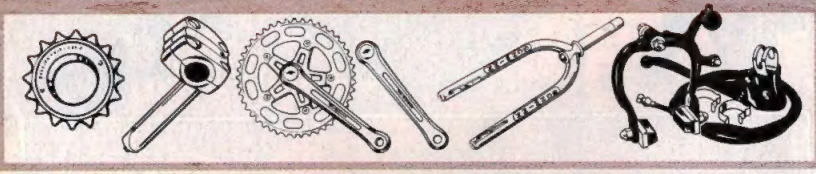

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